



Knights of Columbus
 FOURTH DEGREE
 BISHOP GRIFFIN ASSEMBLY # 0201
 Post Office Box 8831
 Springfield, Illinois 62791-8831

March 10, 2026
 7:00 PM – Meeting
 St Joseph’s Cafeteria
 Council 17229
 1345 N 6th St,
 Springfield, IL. 62702

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From the Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights,

This month’s Faithful Navigator column will be a short one.

This week we begin the Lenten Season. Lent is a period of 40 days, the 40 days that Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert, preparing himself for His Passion, Death and Resurrection. During this time, we are called to strengthen our relationship with God by praying, fasting and almsgiving.

I encourage everyone to not only to attend Mass on Saturday evening/Sunday morning but to attend as many times in the week as possible. Many of our churches have morning Mass and the Cathedral has Mass at 12:05p during the week starting on Ash Wednesday.

Please take time this Lent to reflect. Reflect on what Lent means to you. Reflect on what the ashes you receive mean to you. Reflect on the actions you take and can take these next 40 days.

These 40 days give us the opportunity to grow in our faith and help us to be better individuals. Let’s not rush these 40 days...before you know it, Lent will be over and we will be celebrating the resurrection of Jesus.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Robert A. Bentel, Faithful Navigator

Ladies Auxiliary,

While I was not in attendance at our February meeting, the Ladies carried on without missing a step!

We are entering Lent and our Holy Father, Pope Leo IV, has asked us to abstain from hurtful words. While some might see this message to be for a specific person(s), this is a guideline we all can reach for. Once spoken - words cannot be unheard - so think before you speak.

Susan Schmillen
President

Happy Birthday / Anniversary
Member/Spouse Birthdays:

Rev Brian C Alford 3/9; John R Bockrath 3/10; **Polly Roll 3/12**; Rev Mark A Schulte 3/15; **Diane Bockrath 3/16**; Robert J Williams 3/16; **Toni Bentel 3-17**; **Ramona Linda Von Berg 3/17**; William J Lehnert 3/18; William H Mills 3-18; Bradley P De Luka 3/21; Andrew S Adams 3/23; Timothy P. Kennedy 3/23; Darrell L Roll 3/24; **Maryanna Crow 3/26**; Florian L Scherzer 3/27; John J. Ippolito 3/30; Fr Varghese Puthusseri 3/30.

Anniversaries:

John & Ramona Von Berg 3/5; Jack & Linda Denny 3/18; Bernie & Cherri Menemeyer 3/29.

Committees:

Officers for next Fraternal Year: The Nomination Committee will begin solicitating names for officer positions in footnote below. POCs: SK Dave Haley, Tim Kennedy, Darrell Roll – your time is now.

2026 Dues Final Notices: mailed out o/a 13 Feb 2026 – Let the FC know if you have issues or questions.

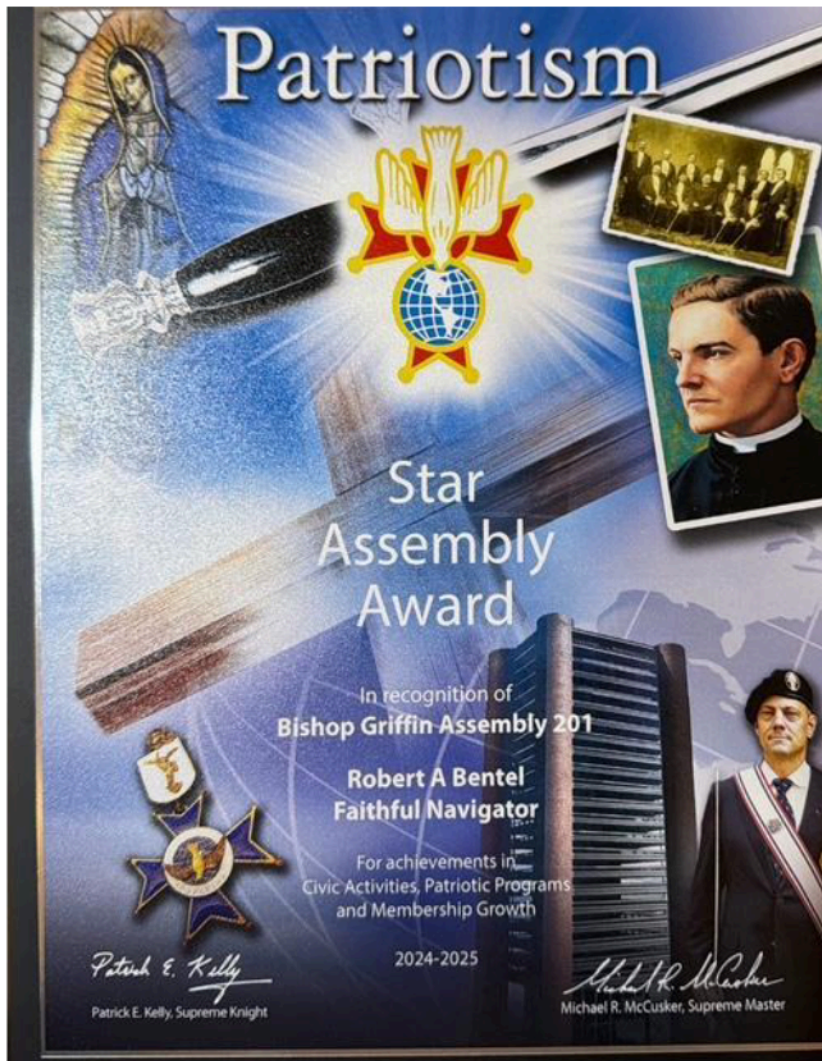
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Programs/Exemplifications:

- Mar 19, 10 am, Pro-Life Mass, Nelson Center Ice Rink, 1601 N 5TH St, Springfield, HG arrive by 09:30 am
- May 15-17, State KC Convention, Crowne Plaza, Springfield, HG Present Colors, details TBA
- May 22, 6:30 pm Diaconate Ordination, Cathedral, HG arrive by 6 pm
- May 23, 7 am, Flag Placement, Camp Butler, all invited

FY 2025-2026 Officers

- * Faithful Friar Fr. Fredrick Mbiere * Faithful Navigator Robert A. Bentel * Faithful Comptroller Darrell L. Roll * Faithful Purser Dale J. Smith *
- * Faithful Captain & Color Corps Commander David M. Haley * Faithful Admiral Anthony W. Schmillen PFN * Faithful Pilot Joseph H. Meister Sr *
- * Faithful Scribe Timothy P. Kennedy * Faithful Inner Sentinel Charles W. Fagan * Faithful Outer Sentinel Lambert P. Fleck III PFN *
- * Faithful One Year Trustee Brian T. Huber * Faithful Two Year Trustee Lambert P. Fleck IV PFN * Faithful Three Year Trustee James F Spohrer *

Bishop Griffin Assembly 0201 was honored with two special awards this Fraternal Year. Congratulations Sir Knights for your exemplary service!



Star Assembly Award

Civic Award

